



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK

and

MICHIGAN CLEAN CORPORATE CITIZEN (C3)



National Environmental Performance Track and Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and C3 is a statewide Department of Environmental Quality program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track program and C3 (C3 has only one level). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy, planned targets and goals, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must report on its commitment to future performance in a standardized fashion.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* A responsible individual must certify that all statements in application is true, accurate, and complete.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.

C3 - Additional Criteria:

- *Future Performance:* Facilities must report environmental performance and quantitative goals for all impacts significant to the facility's EMS. Facilities are also asked to report in cost savings associated with environmental improvements.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must make compliance statement and summaries of EMS and pollution prevention program available for public review for a period of 30 days prior to entry.
- *Site Visits:* Application review often includes site visit.
- *Compliance Record:* Very long-term compliance history is considered. Facilities applying the program must have never violated a local environmental ordinance, or have made binding and significant commitments to decrease waste or air emissions in the event of any violation.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for one year.

Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators (one indicator for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (two indicators for small facilities). Performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

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